GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has upheld approximately 1 billion $ funding for health projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has written to all State Governments and Central Departments to ensure complete transparency and integrity in awarding contracts for health projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) : Three Credit Agreements in the Health Sector were signed on 16.10.2006, with the World Bank for :

i) The Reproductive and Child Health Project Phase- II (US dollars 360 million)

ii) National Tuberculosis Control Project Phase-II (US dollars 170 million) and

iii) Karnataka Health System Development and Reform Project (US dollars 141.83 million).

(c) & (d) : All State Governments/ Government of UTs have been asked to maintain appropriate financial management system and to ensure that procurements of goods and services will be made in accordance with the guidelines on the subject.